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## **Farmers invited to attend grass-based beef tour, Westport**

Farmers interested in learning about grazing beef cattle are invited to attend a free tour of River Rock Farm in Westport, Massachusetts, on Saturday, October 15. The tour is designed for grazing enthusiasts and skeptics alike who would like to know more about raising beef on pasture for a premium market.

The tour will start at 10:00 am at River Rock Farm, 236 Fisherville Lane in Westport, Mass. The tour is expected to end by noon. Highlights will include a demonstration of an ultrasound technique for evaluating meat quality and a discussion of transitioning to organic farming.

The tour is sponsored by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the New England Small Farm Institute, the USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program, University of Massachusetts Extension, conservation districts and local graziers.

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